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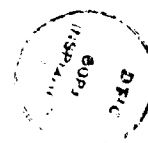
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## INTRODUCTION.

Chloride and bromide ions were found to coordinate in aqueous solution to protonated polyamine cryptands as early as 1975.<sup>1</sup> By nmr methods the stability of the H-bonded complex formed between an  $H_4L^{4+}$  and  $Cl^-$  was reported as 4.5 log units where L is a tight (2,2,2) cryptand. This complex showed remarkable selectivity over that formed by the larger  $Br^-$  ion.<sup>2</sup> Since then many simple ions were studied by NMR to determine their recognition by various protonated polyamine cryptands.<sup>3,4</sup> Potentiometric methods were later introduced in order to make more accurate measurements and to help distinguish the more minor interactions with cryptands, in particular with O-BISTREN.<sup>5-8</sup>

O-BISDIEN, **1**, the ligand of this study, is an  $H_6L$  macrocyclic ligand possessing a pair of diethylenetriamine moieties connected by means of two 5-atom diethyl ether bridges. It is capable of up to hexaprotonation and binuclear metal ion coordination. The binuclear centers have in turn been shown to bridge various molecules.<sup>9-13</sup> In related work several planar tetraamine macrocycles were studied for complexation with ATP.<sup>14,15</sup> In O-BISDIEN, the simplest example of bridge formation between two metal centers is the  $OH^-$  ion<sup>16</sup> which forms with great facility. Other examples of bridging studied in this laboratory are imidazolate, oxalato, mesoxalato, glycinate, catecholate, and 3,5-dilsulfocatecholate, which form with various stabilities with the various protonated forms of O-BISDIEN alone or with protonated mononuclear metal complexes or with its dinuclear complexes.<sup>9-13,17</sup> Even without metal ion involvement this macrocyclic ligand is remarkably capable in the recognition of negative substrates and can even catalyze hydrolytic reactions such as are illustrated in the work with ATP, AMP, and ADP and other negative anions with its tetra-, penta- and hexaprotonated forms.<sup>18,19</sup>

In the case when the metal ion is cobalt(II), an additional peroxide bridge forms under dioxygen concomittantly converting cobalt(II) to formally cobalt(III), **2**. This latter system undergoes an electron rearrangement resulting in the net flow of electrons from the substrate to the peroxide resulting in oxidation involving the formation-regeneration of an intermediate cobalt(III)-cobalt(III) center. Such oxidation studies had been performed on oxalate, ketomalonate, catechols, and others are in progress.<sup>10-13,17</sup>

The purpose of the present work is to demonstrate this recognition-catalysis phenomenon by the introduction of various types of new bridges. While the emphasis is on recognition, for some systems this

paper also treats some rate measurements of oxidation in addition to complex formation between O-BISDIEN, cobalt, and ternary ligand in the presence and absence of dioxygen. These ligands are glycine, acetohydroxamic acid, potassium phosphonousformate and malonic acid.

Another related development is that O-BISDIEN has been shown to catalyze certain hydrolytic reactions and synthesis of polyphosphate groups.<sup>20-23</sup> Most other work on molecular recognition is being done in organic solvents and does not seem closely related to the present investigation.

## EXPERIMENTAL

### Potentiometric Titrations

All pH calibrations with standard dilute strong acid at 0.100 M ionic strength were performed in order to measure hydrogen ion concentration directly, hence the symbol containing brackets  $p[H]$  is used throughout to emphasize its meaning:  $-\log_{10}[H^+]$ .

**Ligands Alone.** A rather standardized procedure was followed for each prototropic substance.

Into a 100 mL jacketed-thermostated titration cell, equipped with  $p[H]$  and reference electrodes, fitted with inert gas (Argon) inlet-outlet and a 10 mL precision piston buret, were placed 5.000 mL of 1.000 M KCl (to set the ionic strength at 0.100) and a weighed quantity corresponding to 0.1 mmol of ligand and 45.00 mL distilled, degassed water. This makes 50.00 mL of an experimental solution containing  $2.0 \times 10^{-3}$  M ligand, which was then allowed to stand at least 1/2 hr at 25.0 °C. Pairs of  $p[H]$  vs mL 0.1027 M KOH added were recorded at equally spaced intervals at every 0.100 mL base until somewhat more base was added over that necessary to neutralize the titratable protons present on the ligand.

Acidification of amino acids and of salts of acids and back titration was achieved with 0.0941 M HCl.

**Metal-Ligand Systems.** Solutions were prepared as above except appropriate aliquots of standardized metal chloride solutions were added to achieve integral ratios of metal ion to ligand: 1:1, 1:2, and 1:3. The potentiometric equilibrium data were obtained as above, but more time was allowed for equilibrium.

**Metal-Binary Ligand Systems.** As described above, ~60 mg (0.1 mmol) of O-BISDIEN·6HBr was weighed directly and mixed with 0.1 mmol and 0.2 mmol metal ion and 0.10 mmol of the bridging ligand,

5.00 mL of 1.00 M KCl, and diluted to 50.00 mL with redistilled, degassed water. Some regions of the data collected required up to 15 min before recording.

**Co(II) Systems Under O<sub>2</sub>.** Oxygen was introduced to O-BISDIEN Co(II) systems and titrated using 0.500 mL increments spaced at least 6 hr apart in order to reach an acceptable compromise between duration of the experiment and its accuracy.

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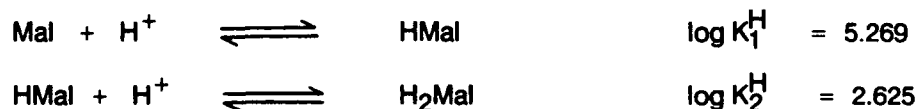
UV-VIS spectra were measured generally from 600-300 nm using a PE Model 553 Spectrophotometer equipped with a constant temperature cell compartment with a 1.000 cm quartz cell and pre-balanced with the pure reference electrolyte.

Kinetic measurements were followed in an apparatus consisting of a 1.000 cm quartz spectrophotometric flow cell connected through a peristaltic pump to a thermostated titration cell equipped with a Gilmont 2.000 mL precision burette for delivery of titrant, glass and reference electrodes, gas inlet for argon or oxygen and gas outlet tube, and stirred by means of a magnetic stirring bar.

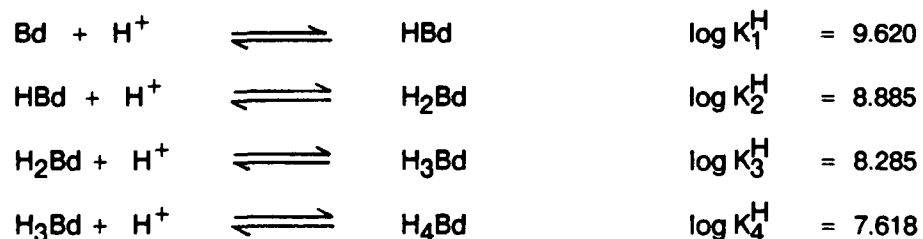
## RESULTS and DISCUSSION

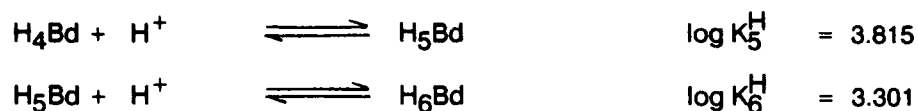
### Recognition of Malonic Acid

In preparation for the quantitative determination of the stability constants of malonate with the various protonated forms of O-BISDIEN very precise protonation constants were obtained for each substance separately under the conditions of the experiment. Hence for malonic acid, H<sub>2</sub>Mal, its potentiometric curve was calculated back to a precision of 0.002 pH units using the two equilibria:

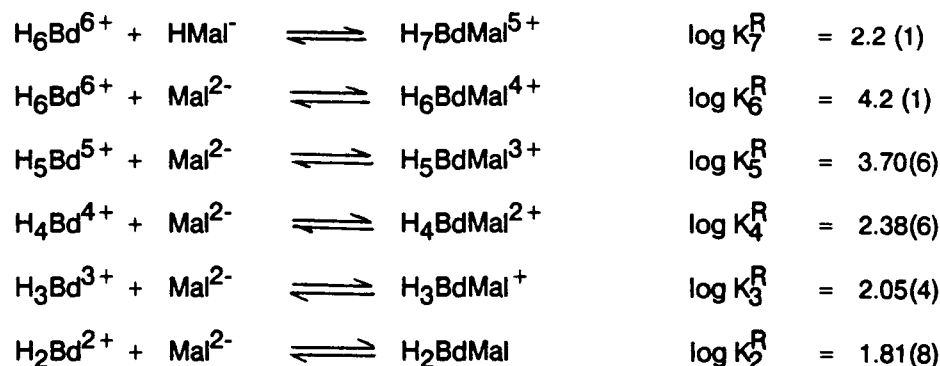


Similarly, the six log protonation constants for O-BISDIEN, Bd, which were found under the present experimental conditions and reproduce the titration curve within 0.003 p[H] units are:





With the above values of individual protonation constants, the solution data on O-BISDIEN containing an equimolar quantity of malonic acid were resolved showing the presence of six equilibrium species:



where  $K_i^{\text{R}}$  is the recognition constant of protonation degree  $i$  and the entries are listed in order of appearance from low to high  $p[\text{H}]$ . Possible H-bonding for the most stable of these species,  $\text{H}_6(\text{BD})\text{Mal}^{4+}$ , is illustrated by formula 3.

As the degree of protonation on Bd increases, its affinity for  $\text{Mal}^{2-}$  increases as measured by the magnitude of  $K_i^{\text{R}}$ . But there are other factors which determine the relative concentrations of these variously protonated ternary complexes. Figure 1 shows that just as  $p[\text{H}]$  determines the state of protonation of the Bd molecule it also determines the degree of protonation of the substrate. At  $p[\text{H}]$  values up to 2 Bd is in its hexaprotonated state and malonate is practically all  $\text{H}_2\text{Mal}$ . Obviously, there could be no interaction between the two major species. Gradually, as the  $p[\text{H}]$  is increased,  $\text{H}_2\text{Mal}$  dissociates producing a significant concentration of  $\text{HMal}^-$  which readily combines with the high concentration of  $\text{H}_6\text{Bd}^{6+}$  to form the initial ternary complex  $\text{H}_7\text{BdMal}^{5+}$ . At  $p[\text{H}]$  3.6  $\text{HMal}^-$  as well as  $\text{H}_5\text{Bd}^{5+}$  reach their maximum concentration favoring the formation of  $\text{H}_6\text{BdMal}^{4+}$ . Similarly, near  $p[\text{H}]$ , 4.6  $\text{Mal}^{2-}$  starts forming while  $\text{H}_5\text{Bd}^{5+}$  reaches its maximum concentration, favoring the formation of  $\text{H}_5\text{BdMal}^{3+}$ . Beyond  $p[\text{H}]$  5.3 there are no more protonated forms of malonic acid and hence the relative concentrations of the recognition complexes at their respective maxima decrease with  $p[\text{H}]$ . While the greatest observed concentration favors the symmetrical  $\text{H}_4\text{BdMal}^{2+}$  structure, intrinsically it is the  $\text{H}_6\text{BdMal}^{4+}$  complex which is the most stable, but it barely exceeds 9 % formation because of strong proton competition. On the

other hand, HBdMal<sup>-</sup> probably is too weak to measure at these concentrations. While it may appear quite remarkable how strong the recognition of Mal<sup>2-</sup> can be, it should be borne in mind that there is not only a favorable topological relationship between these ions leading to strong, possibly linear hydrogen bonds, but also a very favorable coulombic factor.

Other dinegative ligands which have been studied by these authors are mesoxalic acid and oxalic acid and their results are compared with this work in Table 1. There is no question that ketomalonate is till the strongest recognized substrate of all the entries in the Table 1. Since the keto group is highly hydrated, this unusual interaction is probably helped by additional hydrogen bonding to the ether bridging oxygens of O-BISDIEN. In contrast the malonate methylene is considerably hydrophobic and is probably not as well accommodated in this solvated environment. Oxalate is shorter and considerably more acidic, but O-BISDIEN is also very flexible. The Catechols possess extremely weak, monodentate aromatic hydroxy groups and are therefore not capable of forming a complex at low p[H] where they are neutral. At high p[H] where they are at least in part dissociated, but the macrocycle is devoid of protons under these conditions and does not H-bond to the catecholate.

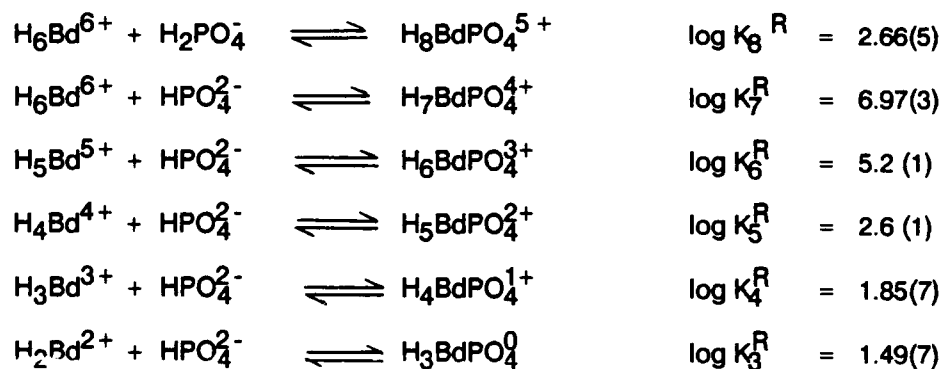
#### Other O-BISDIEN Guests.

As part of the survey of a diverse family of potential guests, glycine, acetohydroxamic acid, phosphonousformic acid and phosphoric acid were considered for study. It was found that both glycine and acetohydroxamic acid do not interact significantly with the protonated forms of O-BISDIEN. Their log protonation constants were redetermined and found to be 9.58, 2.36 for glycine and 9.28 for the hydroxamate. The lack of strong recognition is explained by these high protonation constants and the magnitude of the protonation constants for O-BISDIEN. Thus by the time the p[H] is raised to 9.6 or 9.3 respectively to get 1/2 of the guest molecules deprotonated, the O-BISDIEN distribution consists of the unreactive forms: 1/2 Bd free base, 1/4 HBd<sup>+</sup>, and 1/4 H<sub>2</sub>Bd<sup>2+</sup>, and hence becomes very uninviting to the mononegative ligands. However for acetohydroxamic acid the following three species were identified: H<sub>7</sub>BdAcx<sup>6+</sup>, H<sub>6</sub>BdAcx<sup>5+</sup>, H<sub>5</sub>BdAcx<sup>4+</sup> with corresponding log overall constants of formation of 54.05, 50.25, and 45.82 respectively.



Phosphonousformic acid proved to be too unstable in acid solution to study its interactions with O-BISDIEN although its log protonation constants were determined via a fast back titration from its dipotassium salt to be 3.19 and 1.7. However at low and even intermediate p[H] values the solutions drift because of autodecomposition so that the required precise measurements for interactions with the protonated forms of the macrocycle were deemed not possible although it is certain by analogy that such interactions should take place.

Phosphate is a smaller anion and judging from its log protonation constants (11.74, 6.75, and 1.72) only species  $\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$  and  $\text{HPO}_4^{2-}$  are important between p[H] 2 and 10. However six species were formed with O-BISDIEN to the extent that depends on the solution p[H] and the magnitudes of the protonation constant as summarized in the following equations:



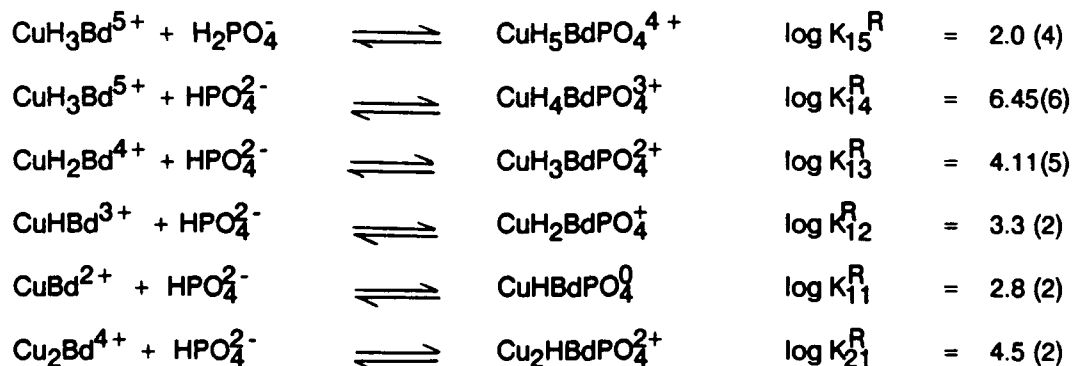
It is clear that the two most favored recognition equilibria involve the interaction of the hexa- and pentaprotonated O-BISDIEN molecule with the dinegative biphosphate. Not only is stability achieved through coulombic attraction but the phosphate molecule possesses at least 3 sites for hydrogen bond formation. Also the remaining site has a proton which is capable of formation of a fourth hydrogen bond. The remaining 4 interactions are weaker for differing reasons.  $\text{H}_8\text{BdPO}_4^{5+}$  forms in a weaker fashion because of the mononegative  $\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$  ion. The ion  $\text{H}_5\text{BdPO}_4^{2+}$  is more reluctant to form for geometric reasons. So whatever destabilizes  $\text{H}_5\text{BdPO}_4^{2+}$  also then destabilizes  $\text{H}_4\text{BdPO}_4^{1+}$  and  $\text{H}_3\text{BdPO}_4^0$ , which have fewer hydrogens for hydrogen bonding.

Figure 2 is interesting in that it shows phosphate-O-BISDIEN the species formed as a function of p[H]. The relative concentration of the 7-, 6-, and 5-protonated complexes at first appears out of order relative to the decreasing magnitude of the corresponding recognition constants. One would expect

$\text{H}_5\text{BdPO}_4^{2+}$  to have a much lower concentration. However note that we are above  $\text{p[H]}$  6.75, the value corresponding to the protonation constant of  $\text{HPO}_4^{2-}$ , which means that the actual concentration of  $\text{HPO}_4^{2-}$  is changing from the negligible to finite-and-large values. Thus even though the  $\log K_5^R = 2.64$  is small, the concentration conditions are very favorable for its (i.e.  $\text{H}_5\text{BdPO}_4^{2+}$ ) formation. Note that the extents of formation of  $\text{H}_4\text{BdPO}_4^{1+}$  and  $\text{H}_3\text{BdPO}_4$  are indeed controlled by their small equilibrium constants and by the lessened concentration of any individual overlapping protonated form of O-BISDIEN present.

#### Copper-O-BISDIEN-Phosphate

Divalent metal ions, and in particular  $\text{Cu(II)}$ , had already been shown to form both 1:1 and 1:2 ligand to metal complexes with O-BISDIEN:  $\text{CuBd}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{CuH}_{-1}\text{Bd}^+$ ,  $\text{CuHBd}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{CuH}_2\text{Bd}^{4+}$ ,  $\text{CuH}_3\text{Bd}^{5+}$ ,  $\text{Cu}_2\text{Bd}^{4+}$ ,  $\text{Cu}_2\text{H}_{-1}\text{Bd}^{3+}$  and  $\text{Cu}_2\text{H}_{-2}\text{Bd}^{2+}$ . Mononuclear complex formation is favored when 1:1 ligand to metal ion solutions are prepared and dinuclear complexes are favored in 1:2 ligand to metal overall stoichiometry. Thus for both 1:1 and 1:2 ligand to metal ratios, the  $\text{p[H]}$  profiles obtained in the presence of phosphate show that the following interactions are significant:



Only six of the 8 O-BISDIEN Copper(II) complexes possess recognition characteristics for phosphate.  $\text{CuH}_{-1}\text{Bd}^+$  and  $\text{Cu}_2\text{H}_{-2}\text{Bd}^{2+}$  are self-explanatory in their lack of reactivity. The inertness of  $\text{Cu}_2\text{H}_{-1}\text{Bd}^{3+}$  can be appreciated when one recalls that the  $\text{Cu}_2\text{Bd}^{4+}$  ion has very high affinity for the  $\text{OH}^-$  ion, much higher than phosphate can compete with.



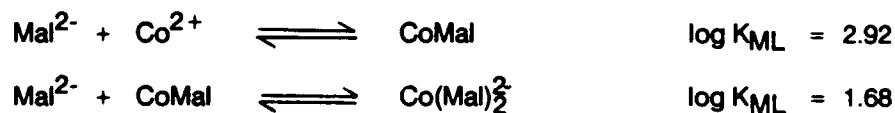
The species possessing the highest recognition constant for  $\text{HPO}_4^{2-}$  is  $\text{CuH}_3\text{Bd}^{5+}$ , 4, while the lowest is  $\text{CuBd}^{2+}$  with decreasing values in between as the number of positive protons decreases. Once

again,  $\text{HPO}_4^{2-}$  not only possesses high charge but also has structural properties (tetrahedral symmetry) naturally fitting into the space between the protonated diethylenetriamine moiety and the metal ion to which it can coordinate. Even when the nitrogens aren't quaternized, the  $\text{HPO}_4^{2-}$  ion can coordinate to the  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  ion as well as it can hydrogen bond to the covalent H atoms on the neutral nitrogens. The reason  $\log K_{11}^R$  is 2.8 and is less than that of the  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  reaction with  $\text{HPO}_4^{2-}$  (3.3) is related the energy required to unfold a part of O-BISDIEN during the transformation of  $\text{CuBd}^{2+}$  into  $\text{CuHBdPO}_4^0$ , 5. No such unfolding is necessary in the case of  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  ion. The  $\log K_{15}^R$  is only 2.0, but note that it is a dihydrogen phosphate which is crowding itself into  $\text{CuH}_3\text{L}^{5+}$  to give  $\text{CuH}_5\text{BdPO}_4^{4+}$ , a species possessing a diprotonated bridging group.

Figures 3 and 4 show the various phosphate interactions discussed above for 1:1:1 and 1:1:2 O-BISDIEN to phosphate to copper(II) respectively. Only the phosphate-containing species are shown. In the mononuclear system, almost the entire p[H] range shows substantial concentrations of coordinated phosphate. In the dinuclear system, above p[H] ~9, the aforementioned dinuclear M-hydroxo species eventually displaces all of the phosphate.

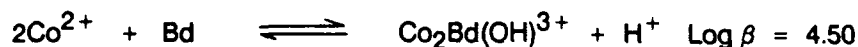
#### Cobalt-O-BISDIEN-Malonate

Although  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  is a weak complexor for carboxylic acids, its affinity for malonate was redetermined under the conditions of this work. Two stability constants were found and their values are compared in Table 2 with the other ligands measured. Note that the numerical value

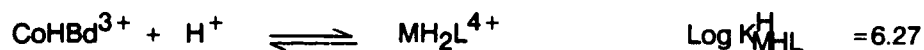
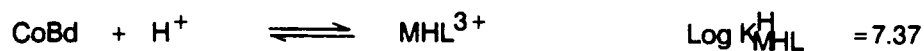


is two orders of magnitude smaller for the cobalt(II) complex compared to the affinity of the proton.  $\log K_{\text{ML}}$  for O-BISDIEN with  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  was found to be 9.81 (KCl) which is in good agreement with previous work (9.73) in  $\text{KNO}_3$  as a supporting electrolyte. In a certain sense, all the constants discussed are somewhat dependent on the background electrolyte in that specific anion interactions from the background electrolyte were not factored out. In this work, an  $\text{M}_2\text{L}$  complex was not detected, although previous work ( $\text{KNO}_3$ ) found a value of 2.7. In this work it was fortunately possible to reach  $\alpha = 6.5$  so that a numerical

constant was evaluated for the formation of  $\text{Co}_2\text{L}(\text{OH})^{3+}$  before cobalt hydroxide separated as was the case in the previous study.



The two protonated complexes  $\text{MHL}^{3+}$  and  $\text{MH}_2\text{L}^{4+}$  were also found to form.



The differences between these values and those in the literature are attributable to the different salts used as background electrolyte.

Of the four  $\text{Co(II)}$ -BISDIEN complexes listed in Table 2, three showed some degree of molecular recognition for malonate ions to produce five species:  $\text{CoHBdMal}^+$ ,  $\text{CoH}_2\text{BdMal}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{CoH}_3\text{BdMal}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Co}_2\text{H}_{-1}\text{BdMal}^+$  and  $\text{Co}_2\text{BdMal}^{2+}$ . The equilibrium expressions are:



The equilibria symbolized by  $\log K_{11}^{\text{R}}$  and  $\log K_{12}^{\text{R}}$  are in stepwise order and thus increase slightly with the additional proton. The equilibrium symbolized by  $\log K_{13}^{\text{R}}$  is written in terms of a reaction with monohydrogen malonate since  $\text{CoH}_3\text{Bd}^{6+}$  does not exist. Nevertheless the recognition constant  $\log K_{13}^{\text{R}}$  is greater than  $\log K_{12}^{\text{R}}$ . The first binuclear ( $\mu$ -hydroxo) complex forms a malonato bridged species in contrast to the observations of the dicopper phosphate system discussed above. Note that all of the recognition constants in the above block of equations are greater in magnitude than the normal stability constant of  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  with  $\text{Mal}^{2-}$ . Formation of bridges over several centers is consistent with the observed magnitudes of constants. The recognition constant  $\log K_{20}^{\text{R}} = -2.16$  is written as an  $\text{OH}^-$  displacement reaction and it is considered remarkable that malonate is only 2 orders of magnitude disfavored over a hydroxo bridge, thus making it possible to observe this species before the  $\text{p[H]}$  gets too high. Figure 5

illustrates the p[H] dependence of the various O-BISDIEN/Co(II) malonato adducts discussed in this section.

A different p[H] profile is obtained for the O-BISDIEN, Co(II)-malonate system when it is carried out in the presence of dioxygen. From the differences, two equilibrium constants leading to the formation of  $\text{Co}_2\text{BdMal}(\text{O}_2)^{2+}$  and  $\text{Co}_2(\text{OH})\text{BdMal}(\text{O}_2)^+$  were obtained to reproduce the new curve. The equilibration is very slow and hence takes several days to get the necessary points in the dioxygen region.

$$\log \frac{[\text{Co}_2\text{BdMal}(\text{O}_2)^{2+}]}{[\text{Co}^{2+}]^2[\text{Bd}][\text{Mal}^{2-}]\text{PO}_2} = 19.6(1)$$

$$\log \frac{[\text{Co}_2(\text{OH})\text{BdMal}(\text{O}_2)^+][\text{H}^+]}{[\text{Co}^{2+}]^2[\text{Bd}][\text{Mal}^{2-}]\text{PO}_2} = 12.9(1)$$

In Figure 6, the dioxygen complexes are plainly obvious, especially the non-hydroxo-bridged  $\text{Co}_2\text{BdMal}(\text{O}_2)^{2+}$ , 6, where apparently the malonato bridge has displaced the hydroxo bridge and is the only major species near p[H] 6.

#### Cobalt-O-BISDIEN-Glycinate

Whereas the malonate stability constants of cobalt(II) are small, three stepwise reactions occur with glycinate and in addition a hydrolysis reaction was determined.



The magnitude of these constants is such that a millimolar 1:3 cobalt to glycine solution would completely coordinate cobalt by p[H] 9. This certainly could not be said of malonic acid.

When O-BISDIEN is studied under argon with cobalt(II) and glycine, four new molecular recognition equilibrium species are identified, of which three are major while the last one is minor.  $\text{Co}(\text{OH})\text{BdGly}$ ,  $\text{CoHBdGly}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Co}_2\text{Bd}(\text{Gly})_2^{2+}$  and  $\text{Co}_2\text{BdGly}^{3+}$ .

$$\frac{[\text{Co}^{2+}(\text{OH})\text{BdGly}^-][\text{H}^+]}{[\text{Co}^{2+}][\text{Bd}][\text{Gly}^-]} = 10^{4.33}$$

$$\frac{[\text{CoHBdGly}^{2+}]}{[\text{Co}][\text{Bd}][\text{Gly}^-][\text{H}^+]} = 10^{21.94}$$

$$\frac{[\text{Co}_2\text{Bd}(\text{Gly})_2^{2+}]}{[\text{Co}^{2+}]^2[\text{Bd}][\text{Gly}^-]^2} = 10^{21.58}$$

$$\frac{[\text{Co}_2\text{BdGly}^{3+}]}{[\text{Co}^{2+}]^2[\text{Bd}][\text{Gly}^-]} = 10^{16.57}$$

The second quotient may be rewritten into a more intuitive form using the overall  $\text{CoHBd}^{3+}$  formation constant.



This recognition constant is slightly higher than the normal stability constant of the cobalt ion therefore showing the participation of the protonated nitrogen in some sort of H-bonding. In comparing the last two quotients one can write an equation for the addition of a second glycinate to one that is already there.



This constant is even higher than that of the first glycinate, and it would seem logical that this molecule involves the presence of two glycinate bridges between the cobalts.

Figure 7 shows the weak recognition that O-BISDIEN-Cobalt complexes exhibit for the monoanionic glycinate ligand. Most of the remaining glycine concentration is distributed among the various cobalt complexes that are formed (see Table 2).

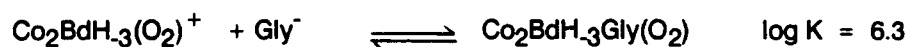
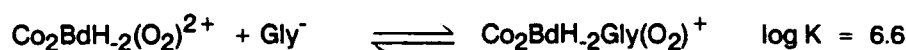
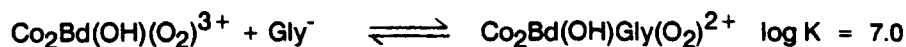
Under oxygen, there are found three glycine-containing O-BISDIEN-Cobalt-Dioxygen complexes which actually swamp those formed from dicobalt-O-BISTREN alone. Their stoichiometries are:  $\text{Co}_2\text{Bd}(\text{OH})\text{Gly}(\text{O}_2)^{2+}$ , 7,  $\text{Co}_2\text{BdH}_2\text{Gly}(\text{O}_2)^+$ , and  $\text{Co}_2\text{BdH}_3\text{Gly}(\text{O}_2)$ . The first complex is the expected one; however the last two probably involve replacements of coordinated neutral nitrogens for negative  $\text{OH}^-$ s. Their overall stability constants are as follows.

$$\log \frac{[\text{Co}_2(\text{OH})\text{BdGly}(\text{O}_2)^{2+}][\text{H}^+]}{[\text{Co}^{2+}]^2[\text{Bd}][\text{Gly}^-]\text{PO}_2} = 16.1(1)$$

$$\log \frac{[\text{Co}_2(\text{H}_2)\text{BdGly}(\text{O}_2)^{2+}][\text{H}^+]^2}{[\text{Co}]^2[\text{Bd}][\text{Gly}]\text{PO}_2} = 7.5(1)$$

$$\log \frac{[\text{Co}_2(\text{H}_3)\text{BdGly}(\text{O}_2)^{2+}][\text{H}^+]^3}{[\text{Co}]^2[\text{Bd}][\text{Gly}]\text{PO}_2} = -2.1(1)$$

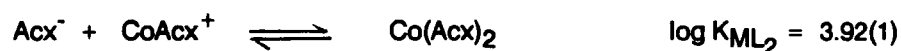
These can be directly compared when expressed as Gly<sup>-</sup> reacting with bisdiendicobalt dioxygen complexes.



The fact that the values decrease means that the glycinate is more weakly bound to the dinuclear cobalt macrocyclic complexes as the number of coordinated OH<sup>-</sup> ions increases. Figure 8 illustrates the formation of the three dioxygen complexes starting at p[H] 5.75 and going higher.

#### Cobalt-O-BISDIEN-Acetoxyhydroxamate.

Acetoxyhydroxamic acid possesses a basicity similar to that of glycine except it is monobasic and is not dipolar. That's why it's not surprising that its 1:1, 1:2, and 1:3 stability constants are found to be very similar to those of glycine.



In the presence of O-BISDIEN, only two mixed ligand species were identified: CoBdAcx<sup>+</sup> and Co<sub>2</sub>Bd(Acx)<sub>2</sub><sup>2+</sup> and their overall stability constants were found to be: 14.66 and 22.82 log units respectively. It is informative to re-express the formation of the mononuclear complex as a reaction with Acx<sup>-</sup>.



Note once again the more favorable recognition constant than the normal stability constant for the  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  ion alone. It should be recalled that there are hydrogen bondable protons on the macrocycle nitrogens, and hydrogen bonds are probably involved in the binding of hydroxamate within the macrocycle.

A p[H] profile was attempted under dioxygen, but computations could not be carried out since the p[H] never stabilized enough to determine even approximate constants.

#### **Cobalt-O-BISDIEN-Dioxygen Complex Kinetics**

Table 3 is a summary of the rate constants obtained where possible for typical formation and degradation reactions of encapsulated dioxygen complexes. In Table 3, the  $k_{\text{obs}}$  was computed for the formation from original spectrophotometric data typical sample is shown in Figure 9 which depicts successive spectra obtained every 2 min when 1 O-BISDIEN, 2 Co(II), and 1 Glycine (1 millimolar) are mixed and heated at 45 °C. From a plot of  $\log_e(A_\infty - A_t)$  vs time the slope was set equal to  $k_{\text{obs}}$ .

Degradation reactions were treated similarly from data obtained from series of spectra similar to the malonate decomposition curve shown in Figure 10 at 55 °C. Since the degradation was much slower than the formation reaction, it was possible to separate the kinetics of the degradation reaction which were all run under 1.0 atm of dioxygen.

A detailed investigation of any of the reaction products was not attempted, but there is no reason to assume otherwise than what had been learned in our earlier studies of oxalic acid and mesoxalic acid as substrates as well as preliminary findings in the catechol studies. In all of these cases a discrete substrate-dioxygen complex adduct serves as an intermediate electron sink toward facilitation of electron flow from the reducing bridging substrate to the coordinated dioxygen, which was reduced to water.



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**Table 1. Log Host Formation Constants With Protonated Forms of O-BISDIEN**

Ion	$\log K_1^H$	$\log K_2^H$	$\log K_i^R$ 's					
			6	5	4	3	2	1
Malonate	5.27	2.63	4.2	3.70	2.38	2.05	1.81	
Ketomalonate	3.52	1.82	5.15	4.52	3.65	4.16	3.83	3.39
Oxalate	3.38	1.0	4.68	3.59	2.06			
Catecholate	13.3	9.30	none					
Tironate	12.5	7.62	none					

**Table 2.** Measured Formation Constants of H(I) and Co(II) With Ligands.

Quotient	Malonic Acid	Glycine	Acetohydro- xamic Acid	Phosphonous- formate	O-BISDIEN
$\frac{[HL]}{[H][L]}$	5.27	9.58	9.28	3.19	9.62
$\frac{[H_2L]}{[H][HL]}$	2.62	2.36	-	1.7	8.89
$\frac{[H_3L]}{[H][H_2L]}$	-	-	-	-	8.2
$\frac{[H_4L]}{[H][H_3L]}$	-	-	-	-	7.62
$\frac{[H_5L]}{[H][H_4L]}$	-	-	-	-	3.82
$\frac{[H_6L]}{[H][H_5L]}$	-	-	-	-	3.30
$\frac{[ML]}{[M][L]}$	2.92	4.67	4.99	-	9.81
$\frac{[ML_2]}{[L][ML]}$	1.68	3.81	3.92	-	-
$\frac{[ML_3]}{[L][ML_2]}$	0.7	2.36	2.66	-	-
$\frac{[MLOH][H]}{[ML]}$	-	10.09	-	-	-
$\frac{[M_2L(OH)][H]}{[M]^2[L]}$	-	-	-	-	4.50
$\frac{[MHL]}{[H][ML]}$	-	-	-	-	7.37
$\frac{[MH_2L]}{[H][MHL]}$	-	-	-	-	6.27

**Table 3.** Rate Constants Determined in This Investigation from Visible Spectra of Dicobalt(II) Dioxygen Band

Process	System	$K_{obs}$	Temp, °C
Formation	Bd-O <sub>2</sub>	$1.6 \times 10^{-3}$	45
Formation	Bd-Acx-O <sub>2</sub>	$1.0 \times 10^{-3}$	45
Formation	Bd-Pf-O <sub>2</sub>	$1.3 \times 10^{-3}$	45
Formation	Bd-Mal-O <sub>2</sub>	$9.5 \times 10^{-4}$	45
Decomposition	Bd-O <sub>2</sub>	$9.4 \times 10^{-6}$	45
Decomposition	Bd-Acx-O <sub>2</sub>	$9.4 \times 10^{-6}$	45
Decomposition	Bd-Gly-O <sub>2</sub>	$9.4 \times 10^{-6}$	45
Decomposition	Bd-Pf-O <sub>2</sub>	$9.4 \times 10^{-6}$	45
Decomposition	Bd-Pf-O <sub>2</sub>	$2.6 \times 10^{-5}$	25
Decomposition	Bd-Mal-O <sub>2</sub>	$2.3 \times 10^{-5}$	55

## FIGURE CAPTIONS

- Figure 1. Species distribution diagram showing the species formed as a function of  $p[H]$  when  $2.09 \times 10^{-3}$  M 1:1 O-BISDIEN (Bd) and Malonic Acid ( $H_2Ma$ ) are equilibrated at  $25.0^\circ C$ ,  $\mu = 0.100$  M KCl.
- Figure 2. Species distribution diagram showing the species formed as a function of  $p[H]$  when  $2.02 \times 10^{-3}$  M 1:1 O-BISDIEN (Bd) and  $1.96 \times 10^{-3}$  M Phospate ( $H_3P$ ) are equilibrated at  $25.0^\circ C$ ,  $\mu = 0.100$  M KCl.
- Figure 3. Species distribution diagram showing the species formed as a function of  $p[H]$  when  $2.08 \times 10^{-3}$  M 1:1:1 O-BISDIEN (Bd),  $2.12 \times 10^{-3}$  M Phospate ( $H_3P$ ), and  $2.08 \times 10^{-3}$  M Copper(II) are equilibrated at  $25.0^\circ C$ ,  $\mu = 0.100$  M KCl. Only phosphate containing species are shown.
- Figure 4. Species distribution diagram showing the species formed as a function of  $p[H]$  when  $2.02 \times 10^{-3}$  M 1:1:2 O-BISDIEN (Bd),  $1.96 \times 10^{-3}$  M Phospate ( $H_3P$ ), and  $3.90 \times 10^{-3}$  M Copper(II) are equilibrated at  $25.0^\circ C$ ,  $\mu = 0.100$  M KCl. Only phosphate containing species are shown.
- Figure 5. Species distribution diagram showing the species formed as a function of  $p[H]$  when  $2.11 \times 10^{-3}$  M 1:1:2 O-BISDIEN (Bd),  $2.11 \times 10^{-3}$  M Malonate ( $H_2Ma$ ), and  $4.20 \times 10^{-3}$  M Cobalt(II) are equilibrated at  $25.0^\circ C$ ,  $\mu = 0.100$  M KCl. Only malonate containing complex species are shown.
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Figure 8. Species distribution diagram showing only the dioxygen containing species formed as a function of p[H] when  $1.92 \times 10^{-3}$  M 1:1:2 O-BISDIEN (Bd),  $1.92 \times 10^{-3}$  M glycine (Gl), and  $3.81 \times 10^{-3}$  M cobalt(II) are equilibrated at 25.0 °C,  $\mu = 0.100$  M KCl. There are 35 species considered in the background of this calculation.  $P_{O_2} = 1.00$  Atm.

Figure 9. Electronic spectra scanned every 2 min apart showing the formation of the biscobaltbisdien- $\mu$ -hydroxo- $\mu$ -glycinato- $\mu$ -dioxygen complex at  $6 \times 10^{-4}$  M concentration. Absorbance plotted against nanometers using 1.00 cm quartz cell,  $\mu = 0.100$  M KCl at 45.0 °C. This is a typical formation curve before decomposition sets in.

Figure 10. Electronic spectra scanned every 15 min apart showing the decomposition of the biscobaltbisdien- $\mu$ -hydroxo- $\mu$ -malonato- $\mu$ -dioxygen complex at  $6 \times 10^{-4}$  M concentration. Absorbance plotted against nanometers using 1.00 cm quartz cell,  $\mu = 0.100$  M KCl at 45.0 °C. This is a typical set of degradation curves eventually leading to a featureless inert Co(III) spectrum at infinite time.

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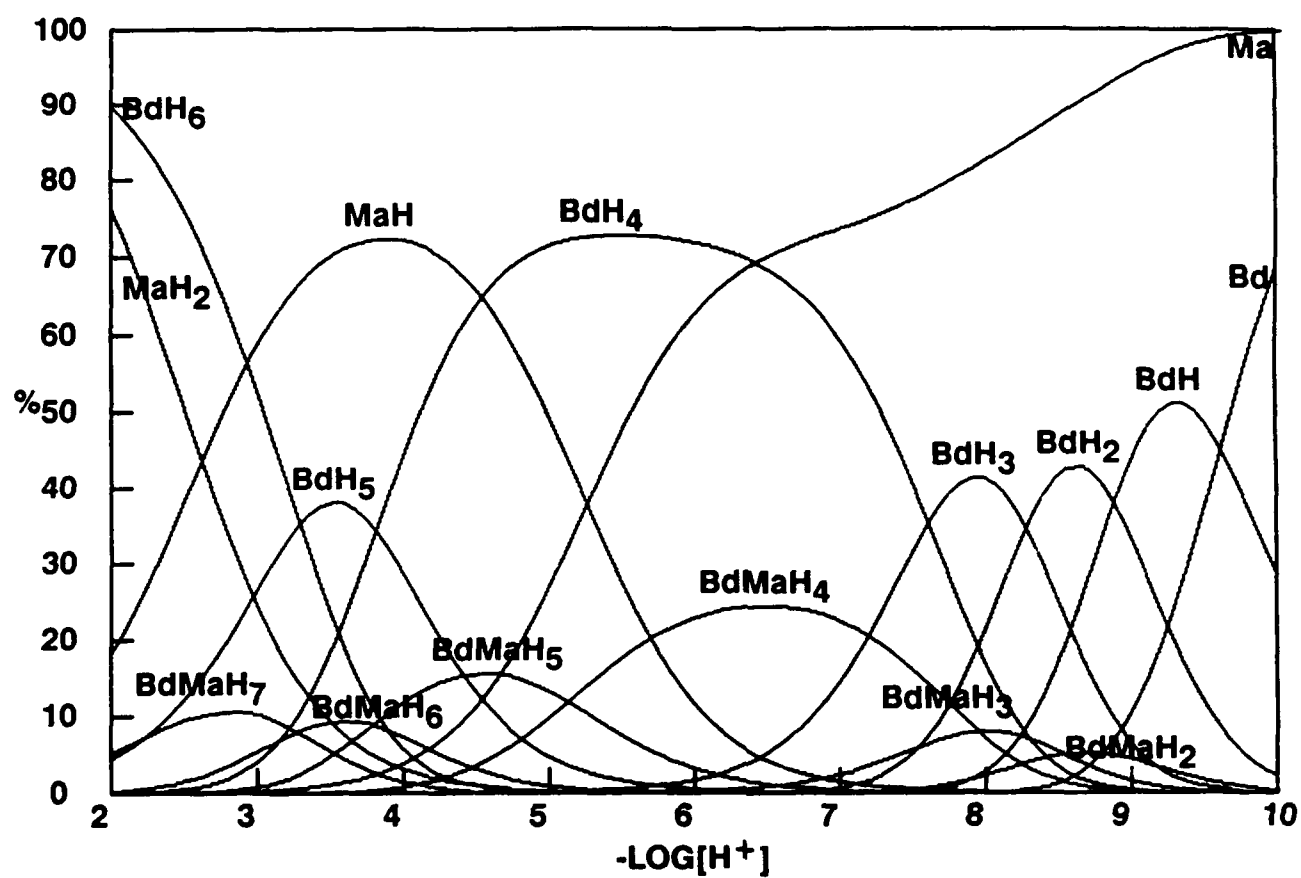


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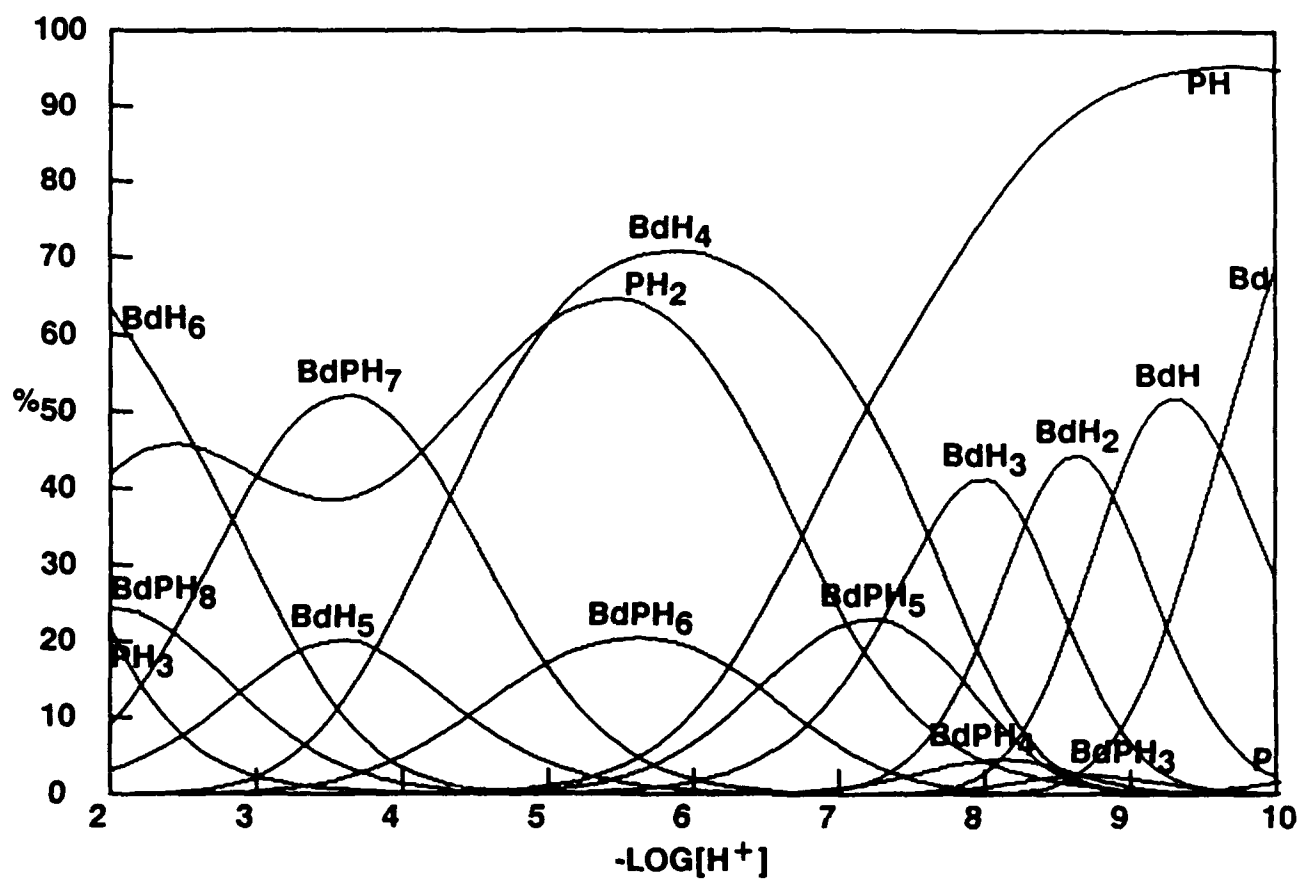




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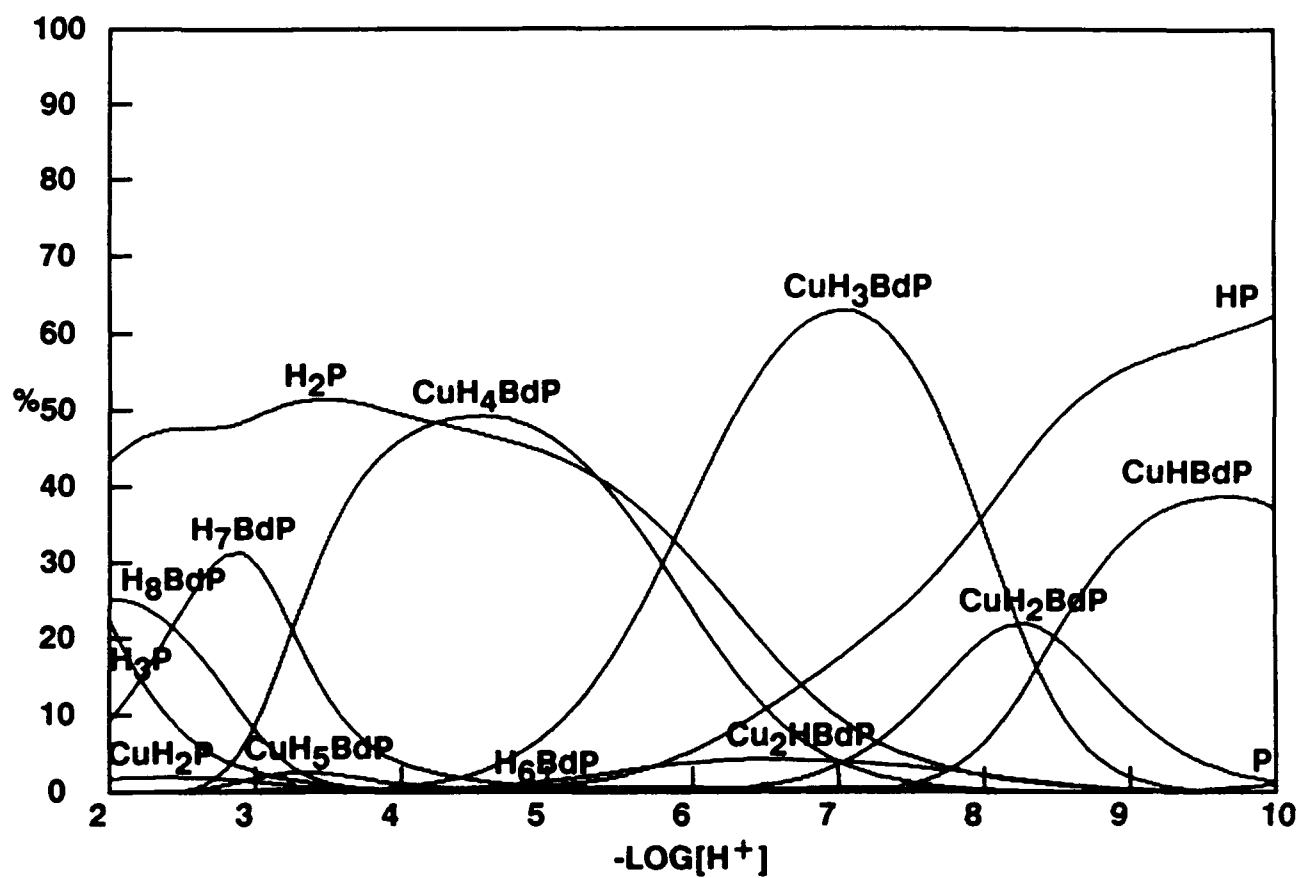


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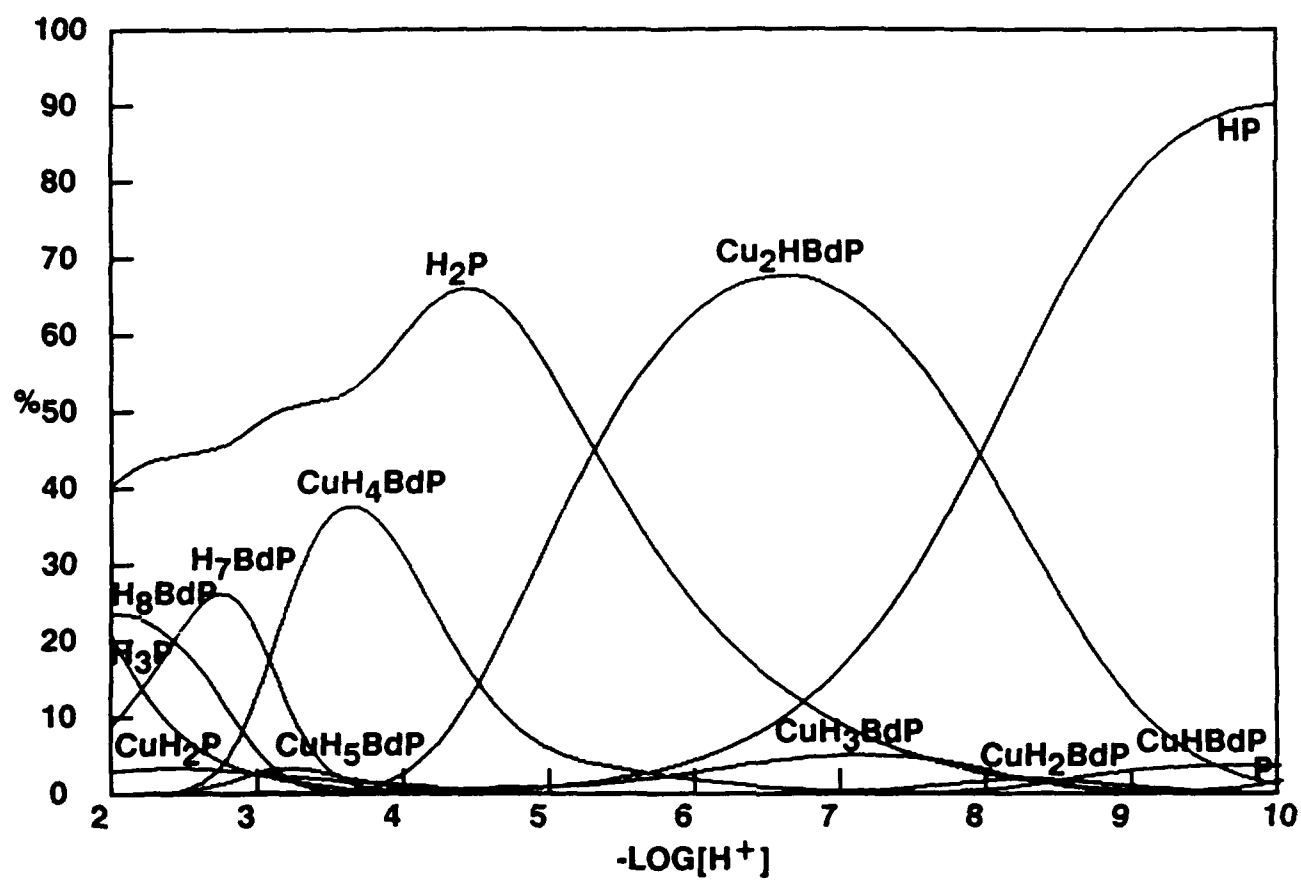


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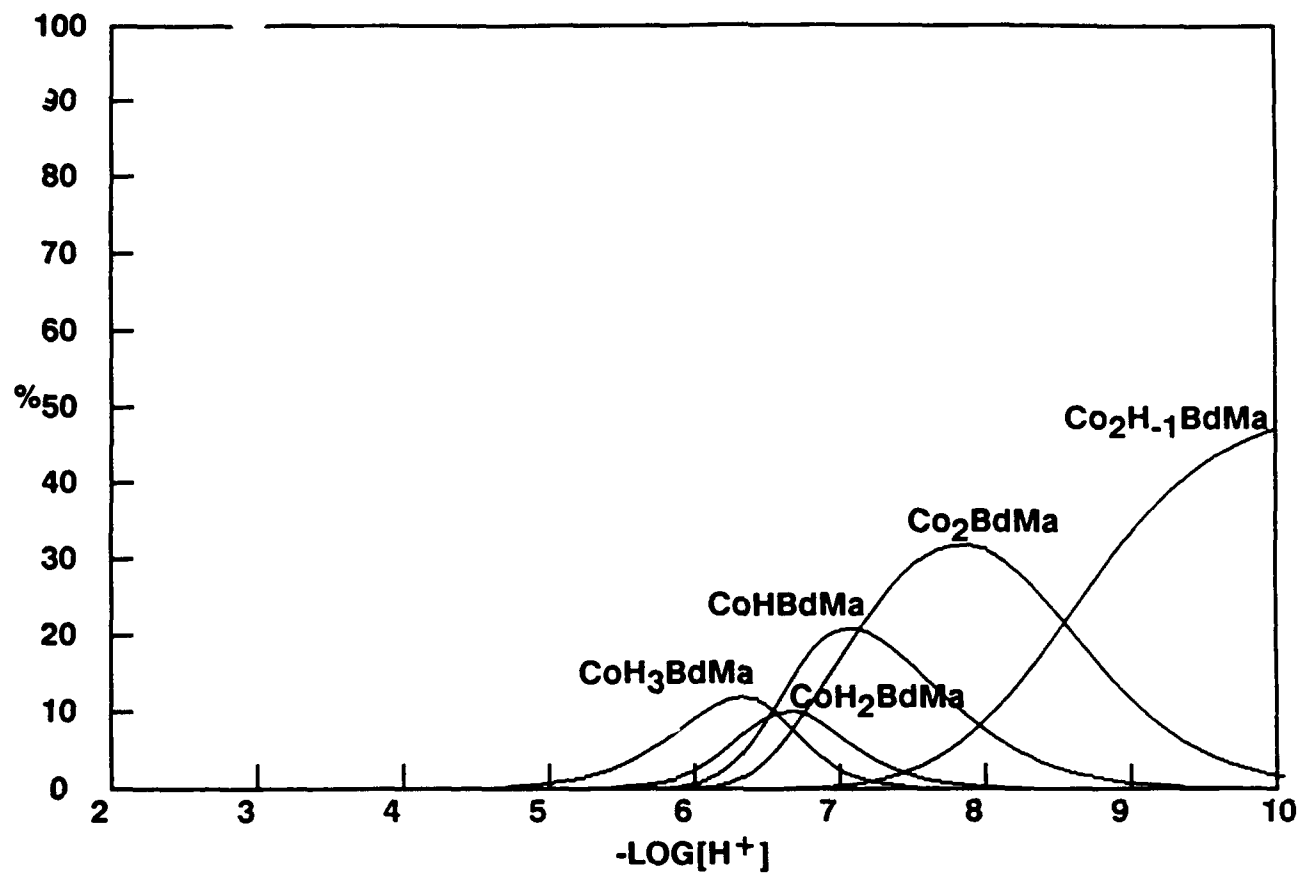


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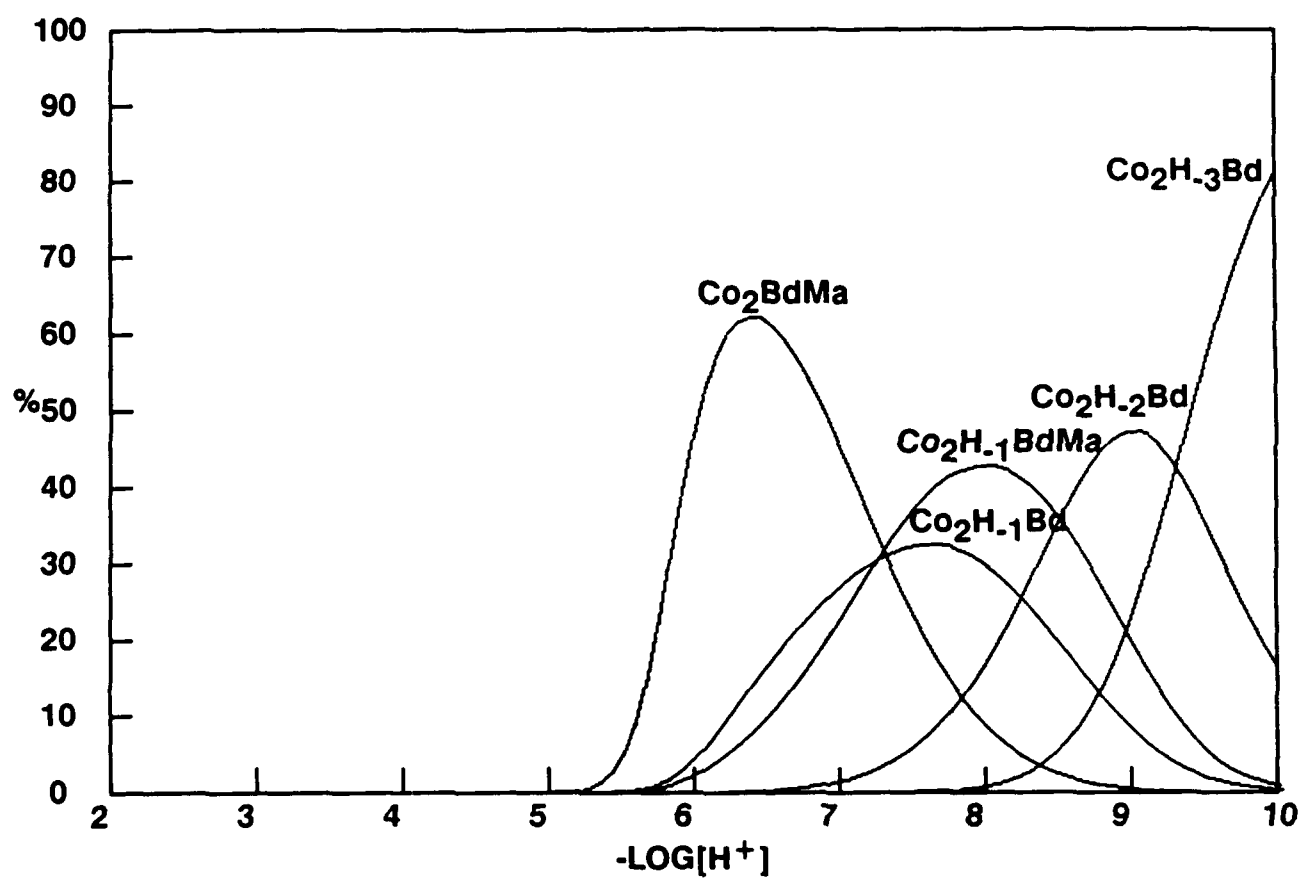


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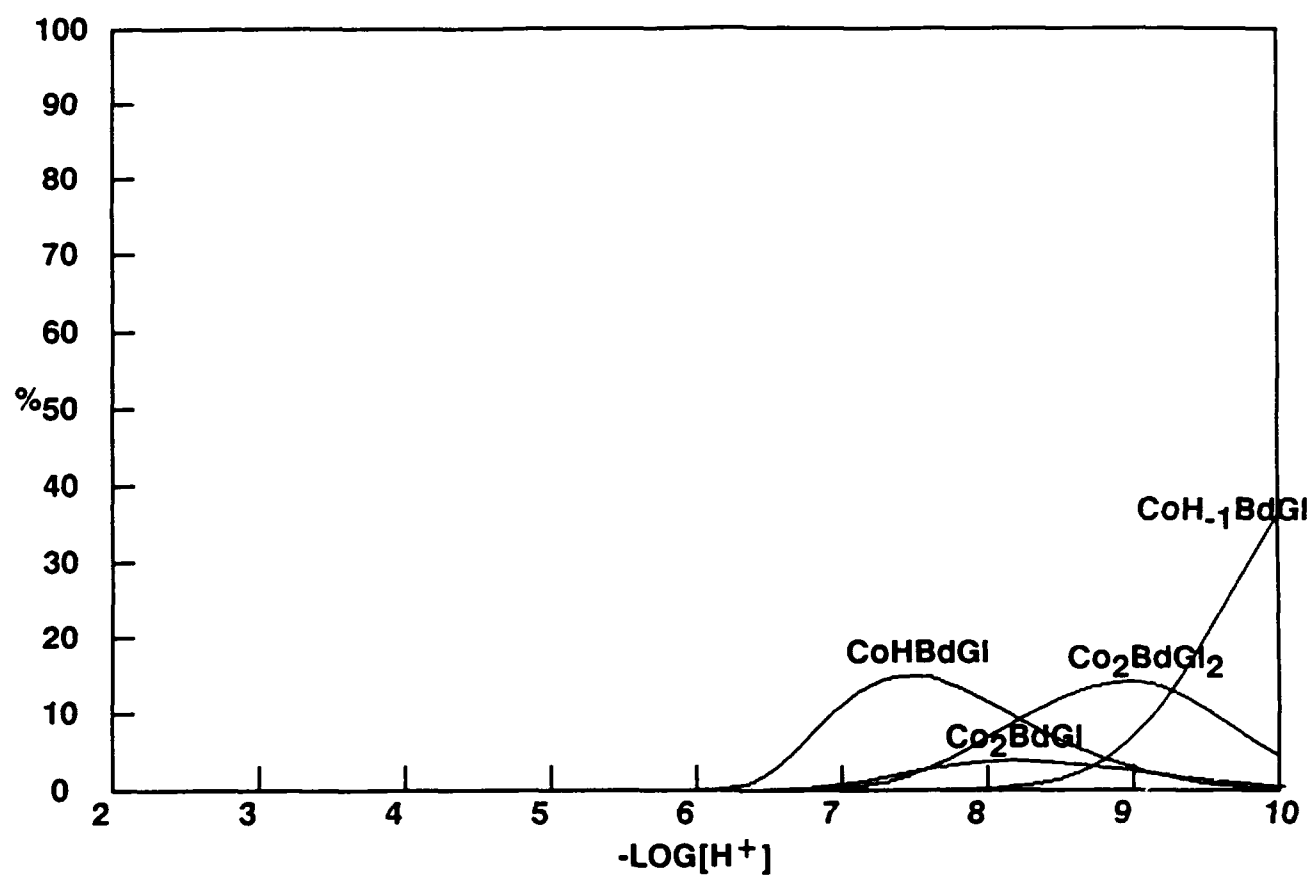


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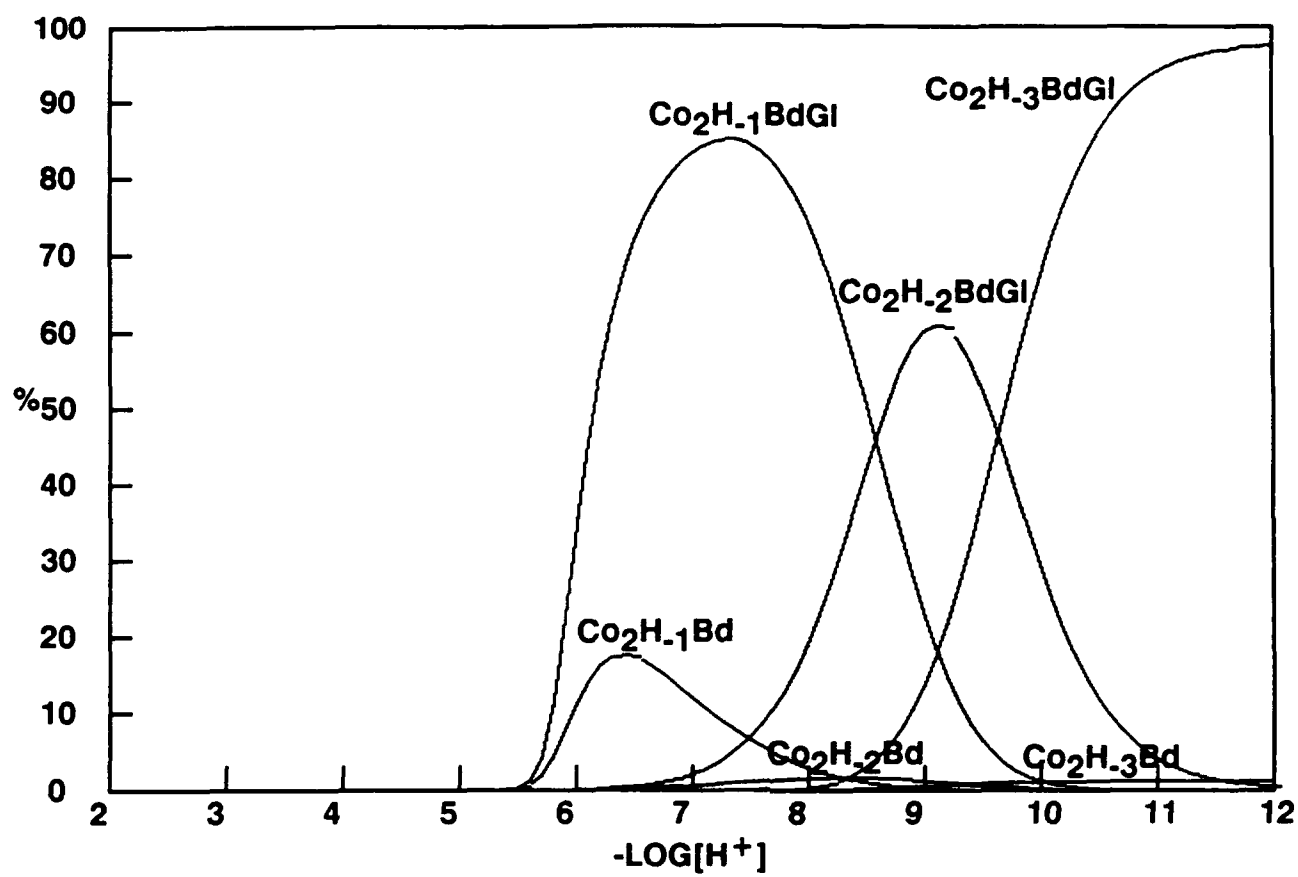


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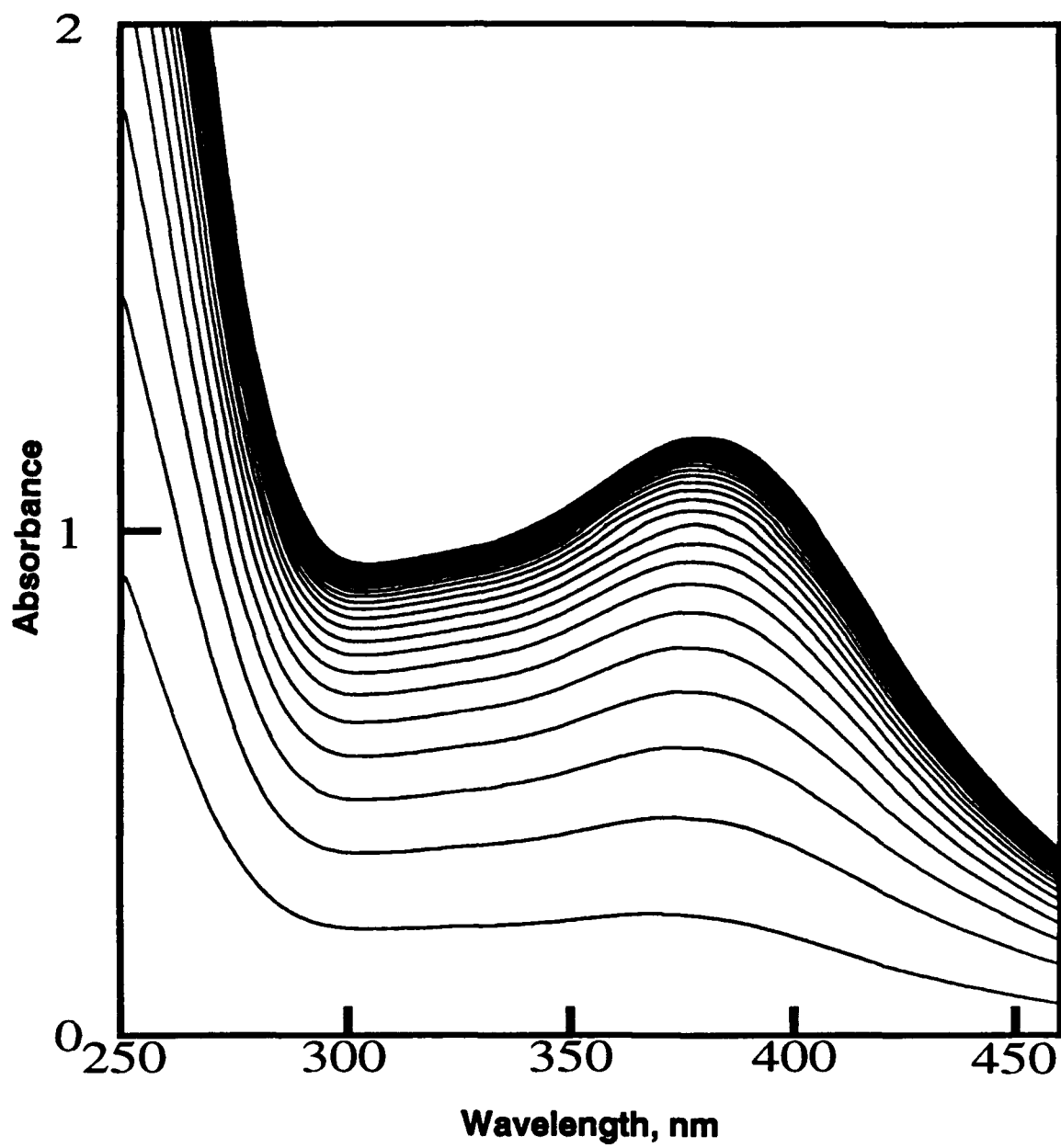
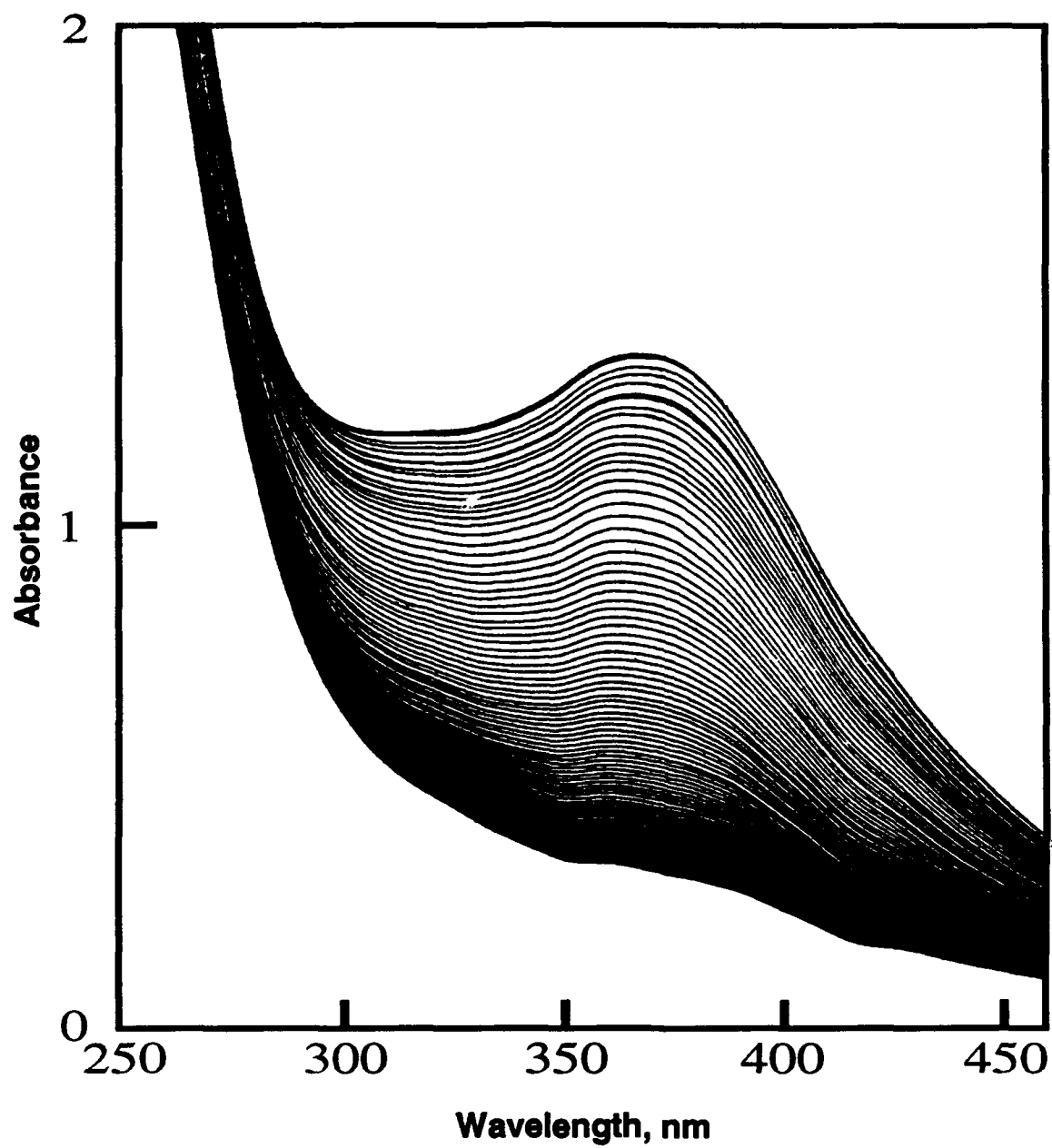
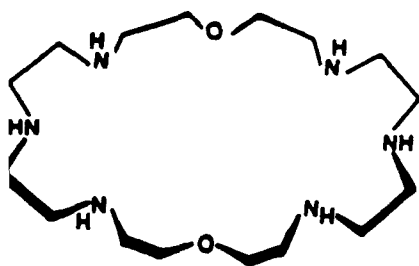


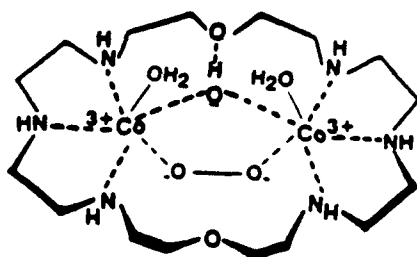
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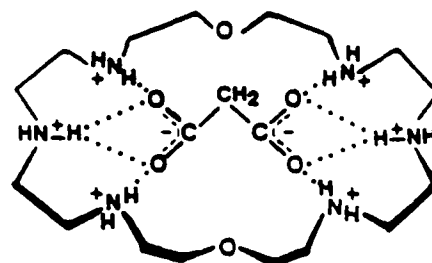




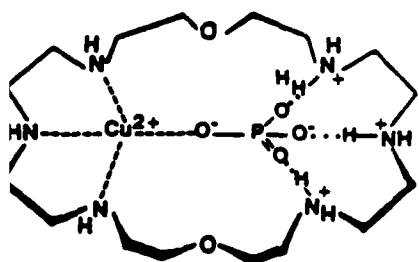
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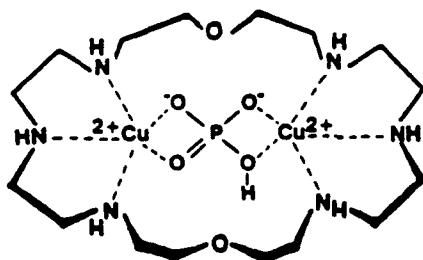
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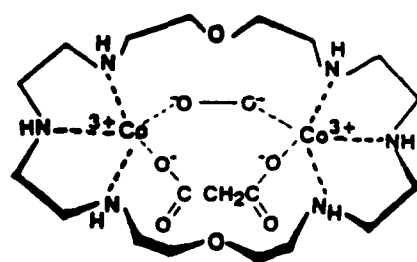
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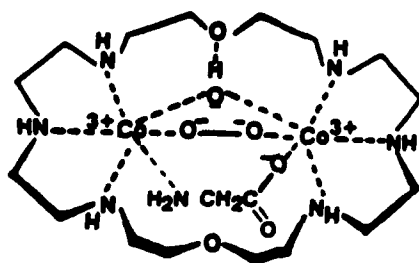
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7 Suggested coordinate bonding in  $[\text{Co}_2(\text{OH})(\text{Gly})\text{O}_2\text{BD}]^{2+}$